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Catawba County Planning & Parks

25 Government Drive Newton, NC 28658

To whom it may concern,

I have operated Putnam Piano Company at 3068 Startown Road, Newton, NC for 31 years. It has been a successful retail location and has added value to our community. As my wife and I age, it is our desire to keep the building within our family and want our grandson to be able to operate his investment advisory business in this location. I plan to maintain my piano business in this location, but add additional offices and signage for his business as well. With Startown road continuing to grow with the Trivium Park and the widening of Startown road, the addition of this business will not cause any additional traffic, parking issues, or change in appearance to the community.

I appreciate you working with me and helping me to get my property rezoned.

Sincerely,

Hugh L. Putnam

Putnam Piano Company

President